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 ((V. KHOBOTOV REPORT: "GIFT TO MUSEUM"))
 ((TEXT)) PICTURES BY THE AFGHAN ARTIST ASLAM WERE
 CEREMONIALLY PRESENTED TO THE CENTRAL MUSEUM OF THE USSR ARMED
 FORCES ON BEHALF OF COMRADE BABRAK KARMAL, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
 PDPA CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE ARTIST'S WORK IS DEVOTED TO THE 40TH
 ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE'S VICTORY IN THE GREAT PATRIOTIC
 WAR.
 THE CEREMONY TO PRESENT THE PICTURES TO THE MUSEUM WAS ATTENDED
 BY HABIB MANGAL, DRA AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR, AND COLONEL A.K.
 AKRAM, ARMY AND AIR FORCE ATTACHE TO THE DRA EMBASSY IN THE USSR.
 HABIB MANGAL, DRA AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR, NOTED THAT THE
 REPRESENTATION OF THE KREMLIN -- BASTION OF PEACE AND
 PROGRESS -- ON THE PICTURE IS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC. AT THE CENTER OF THE
 CANVAS IS THE SOVIET SERVICEMAN, CARRYING A BANNER, WHO LIBERATED
 HIS COUNTRY AND EUROPE'S PEOPLES FROM FASCISM. TODAY HE CONTINUES
 HIS NOBLE INTERNATIONAL MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN. THE SERVICEMEN
 OF THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES AND THE DRA ARE BROTHER SOLDIERS, THE
 AMBASSADOR STRESSED.

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